

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 26, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. TURPIE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 3080.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill granting a pension to George S. Howard, have examined the same and report:

From the facts stated in House report, which is hereby approved, and s hereto attached and made a part of this report, we believe this to be a meritorious bill, and do recommend that it be passed.

[House Report No. 2005, Fifty-first Congress, first session.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3080) granting a pension to George S. Howard, submit the following report:

Claimant enlisted as a private in Company E, Twentieth Ohio Infantry, April 17, 1861. Discharged August 18, 1861. Made application for pension in 1883, alleging that he contracted chronic diarrhea while in line of duty during campaign in Virginia about July 1, 1861; that he was treated in regimental hospital for said disease. Surgeon-general reports that there are no regimental hospital reports on file for the Twentieth Ohio previous to October, 1861. There are no reports of the company to which claimant belonged on file in the Adjutant-General's Office except muster-in and muster-out rolls, therefore claimant is unable to furnish any record of disability.

Two comrades belonging to claimant's company and regiment testify that claimant contracted chronic diarrhea at or near Burton Station, Va.; that he was left sick at Battery Knob, Va.; that he was continuously sick with said disease until mustered out at expiration of service, and further, that prior to about July 1 claimant was sound and in good health. Two witnesses testify that they were near neighbors to claimant prior to his enlistment, and that he was a sound and healthy man, that when he returned home after discharge he had chronic diarrhea, which often confined him to his bed, and that the said disability continued with claimant up to the time when he went West, which was in 1870. Several witnesses testify to the continuation of claimant's disability from 1870 to the present time. Dr. Kirby, a practicing physician in the State of Iowa, testifies that he has treated claimant for chronic diarrhea; also, Dr. Matthews makes affidavit that he has several times given claimant treatment for said disability. Notwithstanding the absence of hospital record in this case, your committee are of the opinion that there is merit in it; while the testimony does not come up to the standard required at the Pension Office as to incurrence, that fact being established by two comrades, and continuous disability since discharge warrants your committee in making favorable report; therefore we recommend that the bill do pass.